

Commissioner Mtg. 09/04/07 @ 9:00 a.m. in County Commissioners Room

Those present:

Thomas Wilson Eric Roberts Don Vonder Meulen

Franklin County Auditor: Carol L. Monroe

Thomas Wilson opens meeting with pledge of allegiance

- I. Public Hearing-Petition to Vacate Portion of Old Fairfield Road
 - a. Joe Gillespie – Distributes viewers report (between Saltwell and Fairfield Causeway Road). All adjacent property owners have been notified by certified mail. Two property owners have asked me if the bridge would be barricaded.
 - b. Don Vonder Meulen – will we have any liability of that bridge?
 - c. Joe Gillespie – don't know
 - d. Don Vonder Meulen – anything like this happen in the past?
 - e. Thomas Wilson – we had one on Swegman Road
 - f. Joe Gillespie – we conveyed that to the property owner, but that was an agreement made prior to the vacation.
 - g. Thomas Wilson – we wouldn't have any say so, it would be their property.
 - h. Joe Gillespie – by vacating a road there will not be any transfer
 - i. George Hartman – the bridge has not been in service for some years
 - j. Joe Gillespie – Dorothy Smith called in and talked to Susan (Jones) and she thought the road had already been vacated. Susan found in '96 there was a petition denied in 1996
 - k. Don Vonder Meulen – motion to vacate portion of old Fairfield Road and described in viewers report
 - l. Eric Roberts – seconds the motion
 - m. Thomas Wilson – with no objections, all in favor
 - n. George Hartman – I will notify our consultant that Bridge #25 is no longer on our bridge report
- II. Bridge #73 / Enochsburg Road Covered Bridge over Salt Creek
 - a. Joe Gillespie – the State is wanting a calendar on all of our bridge projects. Talked to Dan Piercy at Seymour last week and he told me our consultant had asked that this bridge be put back on the state calendar for two years. I was not aware of that.
 - b. Thomas Wilson – why would he do that?
 - c. Joe Gillespie – suspect because of the right of way issues
 - d. Thomas Wilson – he is working for us. There are all kind of consultants that would be more than happy to do this. There are property owners with concerns and if he doesn't want to do this, then we fire him and get someone else.
 - e. George Hartman – some months ago someone from I.N.D.O.T. was in touch with us. This two year delay is not at all consistent with what we were saying.
 - f. Thomas Wilson – that bridge cannot wait two years, it will fall in. We would have to barricade the bridge. We don't want to loose our federal money.
 - g. Eric Roberts – what steps do we go through to get rid of him?
 - h. Joe Gillespie – I told Dan Piercy that I didn't think the Commissioners or engineer wanted that. I'll invite him to a meeting in two weeks.
 - i. Susan Jones – September 17 (2007)
- III. Weekly Property Tax Report
 - a. Sharon Halcomb – I do have something to report. The Thursday before I found out we were not compliant with our sales data. Last Thursday we submitted our personal property data. This morning at 4:52 our sales vendor resent our sales data. I am still a little worried.
 - b. Thomas Wilson – are you going to get your vendor to get you caught up?
 - c. Sharon Halcomb – not sure. He hasn't emailed me. He only has so much staff; I am hoping I am the first one that asked. Hopefully we will be high up on the list. He said it would take him three weeks, but I am not sure if that is for one year or two. There may be a year and $\frac{3}{4}$ to enter before we are caught up. That is a lot to ask. We could data enter during the day and they could enter during the night.
 - d. Rebecca Oglesby – it doesn't look good
 - e. Sharon Halcomb - no, I am amazed they are making that demand.
 - f. Carol L. Monroe – this has nothing to do with the rates/budget.
 - g. Sharon Halcomb – they are “disciplining” us
 - h. Thomas Wilson – for what?
 - i. Rebecca Oglesby – it is looking real doubtful for a Nov. 13 deadline.
- IV. Doxpop
 - a. Rich Sinex – review advantages of having documents on the internet. The contract has similar provisions (of Recorder Office)-we have not taken a cent from the counties. All over the state there are people that use the court records. We would never ask for any tax money in Indiana. Many courts has reported a lower call volume. Anyone can log onto doxpop and see the court docket; it allows me as a private individual to follow that. All of this is under the supervision of the Supreme Court. It would be approximately a month (before up and running).
 - b. Thomas Wilson – as soon as we get the paperwork we will take care of it. (later in meeting) Motion to sign contract
 - c. Don Vonder Meulen – seconds the motion
 - d. Eric Roberts – all in favor
 - e. Rich Sinex – for your attention and partnership we appreciate it.

- V. Waive Permit Fee for Community Foundation
 - a. Eric Roberts – move to waive permit fee for sign
 - b. Don Vonder Meulen – seconds the motion
 - c. Thomas Wilson – all in favor (flip tape)
- VI. Claims
 - a. Susan Jones – also health insurance claim came in late and has been processed and will be advertised next time
 - b. Thomas Wilson – motion to pay claims
 - c. Don Vonder Meulen – seconds the motion
 - d. Eric Roberts –all in favor
- VII. Minutes (August 27, 2007)
 - a. Don Vonder Meulen – motion to approve
 - b. Eric Roberts – seconds the motion
 - c. Thomas Wilson – all in favor
- VIII. Batesville Library Board Appointment
 - a. Susan Jones –Lynn Norton resigned and they are recommending Autumn Hurm (Dec. 2008)
 - b. Thomas Wilson – motion that Autumn Hurm finish out term
 - c. Eric Roberts –seconds the motion
 - d. Don Vonder Meulen – all in favor
- IX. Southeastern Indiana Economic Opportunity Corp (SIEOC) Board Re-Appointment (Kathy Placke)
 - a. Eric Roberts – move to reappoint Kathy
 - b. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion
 - c. Don Vonder Meulen – all in favor
- X. Weekly Highway Report, George Hartman
 - a. Bridge #100 / Johnson Fork Road North of Snowhill Road Covered Bridge
 - i. Another month or so before open to traffic
 - ii. See photo
 - iii. John Graf - two change orders
 - 1. 53's are about a 1/3 of the cost = \$4,680.00
 - 2. no charge for the diaphragms
 - 3. Thomas Wilson – motion for Eric Roberts and Don Vonder Meulen to sign change order
 - 4. Don Vonder Meulen – add tom and second the motion
 - 5. Eric Roberts – all in favor
 - b. Bridge #94 / Blue Creek Road over Blue Creek
 - i. Joe Gillespie will re-stake proposed project (right-of-way)
 - c. Bridge #73 / Enochsburg Road Covered Bridge over Salt Creek
 - i. Jim Barker submitted revised supplement
 - ii. INDOT contacted county several weeks ago to check on the project status
 - d. H.E.S. / Hazard Elimination and Safety Fund Sign Improvement Project
 - i. Jason Bunselmeier (INDOT Seymour District) needs copies of photographs that Don took of road name signs mounted on utility poles.
 - e. Culvert Update
 - i. See photo (2)
 - f. Hetrick Road over Dare Ditch (Between Dare Road and Kunkel Road)
 - i. Placed order to St. Regis for a new coated metal pipe
- XI. Galway Resolution 2007-25 (tape 2)
 - a. Don Vonder Meulen – motion to sign
 - b. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion
 - c. Eric Roberts – nope
- XII. Jail – heating and cooling
 - a. Dale Maxie – it will take eight weeks to build
 - b. Thomas Wilson – we are skating on thin ice
- XIII. (Old) Senior Citizens Building
 - a. Don Vonder Meulen – wanted to know our feelings
 - b. Susan Jones – don't understand why they are going through Renée (Stivers)
 - c. Thomas Wilson-someone should come in and officially ask
- XIV. Adjourn
 - a. Thomas Wilson – motion to adjourn
 - b. Eric Roberts – seconds the motion
 - c. Don Vonder Meulen – all in favor

Those also present:

Susan Jones, Secretary

John Estridge, Whitewater Publications

Joe Gillespie, County Surveyor

Carol Westerman

Rich Sinex, Doxpop

Hollie Sintz

George Hartman, County Engineer

John Graf

To be approved 09/10/07